

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIRE-FIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 33, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 33) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 268

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I have an amendment at the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] proposes an amendment numbered 268.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS.

The Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015 (Public Law 113-164; 128 Stat. 1867) is amended by striking the date specified in section 106(3) and inserting "March 6, 2015".

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time, and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table without any intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 268) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed, and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 33), as amended, was passed.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask that the Chair lay before the Sen-

ate the House message accompanying H.R. 240.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives, as follows:

Resolved, That the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 240) entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.", and ask a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I move to insist upon the Senate amendment, agree to the request by the House for a conference, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is pending.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I thank all Senators for working together to pass this 1-week funding extension for the Department of Homeland Security. Senators should expect the next vote at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, which will be a cloture vote on the motion to agree to the House request to go to a conference on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. REID. Madam President, progress has been made all during the day. I appreciate very much the cooperation of everyone involved. I am confident that the House will pass a 7-day CR tonight and that there will be within 7 days full funding for the Department of Homeland Security.

RARE DISEASE DAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 92, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 92) designating February 28, 2015, as "Rare Disease Day."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 92) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, hereby notifies the Senate of an amendment to the minority membership appointments made in the Senate on February 12, 2015, to the Senate National Security Working Group for the 114th Congress: JACK REED of Rhode Island.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that during this adjournment of the Senate, the majority leader and the junior Senator from West Virginia be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business tonight, it adjourn until 2 p.m., Monday, March 2; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 240.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:23 p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 2, 2015, at 2 p.m.